

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

~~The present invention provides a~~ A system and method for providing a barrier between contents transported in a shopping cart and potential pathogens and contaminants on the shopping cart upper surface. The invention is a cart liner which is placed between the contents and the shopping cart's upper surface to prevent the contents from contacting the surface. The shopping cart liner may be converted to a baglike structure for transporting the contents following transport.